

# the painted box

By Wendy Thomson

There I was, driving along, minding my own business, when the truck started falling apart,—sort of.

Actually, I wasn't even driving along. I had hopped into the truck, put it in reverse, swung around into our backing up space, then rolled back onto the drive again. As soon as the truck hit the gravel, there was an awful noise from out the back, a clanking and scraping and whatnot.

### Twisted mess

When I climbed back out, I saw the seat of son David's tricycle lying on the drive right behind me, and the handlebars further back. The rest was under the truck in a big twisted mess.

Thinking that it might let go if dragged on a bit further I moved on a foot or so. It hung on. At the time, it seemed quite logical that, if it hung on going forward, it should fall off if I backed up. So I hopped back into the truck and backed up a couple of feet, then went to see what happened. It hadn't fallen off but the muffler and tail pipe had.

"Round about then, I sent for Gord. I suppose if I'd called him in the first place the truck would have stayed together, but very likely all he'd have done was kick the tail pipe and the tricycle would have fallen off in a neat little pile. Then Gord would say "Can't you do ANYTHING properly?"

As it is, I can say quite smugly, that I can bung things up quite properly and thoroughly without even trying.

There was another example that same evening, but with the horses. Since, it was out time, I gave the adult horses their feed in a tub, and was leading the twins aside for their ration in separate buckets. The colt trotted along quite nicely, but my filly-foal decided to act up and was putting on quite a show.

### Stops dead

I swung the lead rope back and gave her a gentle tap on the

rump. It was such a slight one, I thought she'd hardly feel it, but she stopped dead and looked at me in amazement.

A blow! I had struck her a blow! It was the first Sparrow'd ever received and she couldn't get over it! Her eyes went big and wide, and her lower lip started to tremble.

I could see the wheels whizzing around in her head while she tried to figure out what to do and what not to do, next.

Finally she had it all thought out. She wasn't going to eat her oats and I couldn't make her, so THERE! And once she'd decided she wouldn't change her mind.

While all the other horses chewed and munched and fought over their oats, Sparrow stood with all four feet firmly braced (against what, I don't know, as I wasn't holding her), and a very aloof and stubborn expression on her face.

### Mom lectures

Before too long, old mama Black Velvet was over with a lecture about not letting good food go to waste and cleaned out the pail in nothing flat.

The last glimpse I had of the filly, before I came up to the house, she was walking all stiff-legged and sulky, out to the pasture, muttering "I didn't want oats, really!"

Which all goes to prove that if you get fed up with your car and all the little and big things that go wrong, and if you chuck it and get a horse,—you'll just have different problems.

## O.P.P. column

### New constable school in report

The Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police worked a total of 207 hours, while the cruiser was patrolled 897 miles. On the general occurrences agenda seven investigations were conducted. Five of the occurrences were of a relatively minor nature and required very little police action. The other two were a report of a missing girl who was located by the police, and an assault in which a local man was placed under arrest and charged with the offence named.

Nine motorists were issued traffic tickets for Highway Traffic Act infractions, and 17 other drivers were warned for various infractions. It was an accident-free week.

New constable  
A new face will be seen on patrol in the town. Prov. Const. P. H. BROWN reported for duty at the Acton Detachment on Monday, August 24. He will replace Const. D. Noseworthy who reported for duty at the Toronto Detachment. I hope you will all show Const. Brown the courtesy and the friendliness that small towns are famous for.

In less than a week the children will be back to school. The children who will be going for the first time will be so excited they will forget the safety rules given them by the parents. Give these young inexperienced children the

same consideration you'd show if one of them were your own child. Always overtake them cautiously, never startle them with a sudden blast of your horn, and pass them with plenty of room to spare.

So please remember, your extra care could save a young child from serious injury, and possibly his life.

—Cont. Roy Wood.

## Weather

Weather forecast for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, as supplied by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office in Milton: Mainly fair except for chance of showers late Wednesday or early Thursday. Mild Wednesday but turning cooler Thursday and Friday. Lows in the mid 50's. Highs mid to upper 70's Wednesday dropping to low 70's Thursday and Friday.

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## Leishmans anniversary

A well-known Acton pair, Cam and Jean Leishman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on August 21. They were at their cottage at Whitney on the actual celebration date, and spent the evening with friends at the cottage of Mrs. Alice Rumley nearby.

Main gift for the 50th anniversary was their much-enjoyed trip to Florida last winter, given them by son Allan. They had a marvellous holiday and met cousins for the first time.

Longtime residents  
Cam Leishman has lived in Acton all his life, and Jean came here with her family before World War I. Cam was playing with Acton band when Jean first met him at a garden party at The Breezes, she fondly remembers.

Cam was caretaker at the post office for many years and the Leishmans, living above the old quarters, greeted friends daily. Then Cam became known to a new generation as a crossing guard.

They live now in Glenlea subdivision. Son Allan is with the O.P.P. in Barrie. He and his wife and their two grandchildren are frequent visitors.

Gifts, cards  
They received cards, gifts and flowers, including an anniversary cup and saucer from Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. Congratulations to this friendly couple from the Free Press.

Friends regret that Mr. George Musselle is a patient in Sunnybrook hospital, Toronto, and send him their best wishes. He's a former Citizen of the Year.

Mrs. E. N. Harrop, Islington, and her sisters-in-law Mrs. M. Fischer and Mrs. J. Starke visited Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Deveau on Saturday.

## Tips for entries

By B. McNeill

Fall fair time is just around the corner and many people will be making entries in the fruit, flower and vegetable sections of their local show. Exhibiting in these shows involves a lot of preparation of the entries the night before the show, but the satisfaction of displaying produce can be extremely gratifying, especially if a prize is awarded to the entry.

Each year, though, many entries are disqualified because the exhibitor did not take time to thoroughly read the prize list. When the prize list calls for five tomatoes or 12 pods of peas the entry will automatically be disqualified by the judge if there are more or less than this number. In the flower section the prize list often calls for six blooms of petunia. This means just that—six blooms and no buds. When a specified number of blooms are called for all buds must be removed.

All individual specimens in any entry must be as uniform in size, shape and color as possible. They should be fresh, clean and pleasing to the eye. Medium size specimens should be shown—overgrown or very small sizes will be quickly passed over by the judge.

## Free Press Personals

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. McKenzie and family have returned from their cottage on the French River.

Mrs. Mary McAuley is back in Guelph General Hospital, where she had an operation last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowding and Terri have returned from a pleasant holiday in England. Terri has returned to nurses' training at East General Hospital, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Caswell (Yvonne Duval) and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gibson, Cooksville have returned home after holidaying in Jamaica.

The Rotary club sponsored a very successful Hawaiian dance at the music centre Saturday evening. It was too chilly for grass skirts this year.

Mrs. Frank Terry has sold her home in Owen Sound and will be moving soon to the new apartment building on Churchill Rd. S.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart, Guelph have arrived home after an enjoyable motor trip to the Maritimes. While there they attended the wedding of their granddaughter Sharon Stewart to Mr. Gary Adshade of St. John, N.B.

Ron Henry who graduated from Guelph University last December with an Honor B.A. degree majoring in Political Science and Canadian History, has been accepted to the Faculty of Law at Queen's University, Kingston. Registration date was Monday, August 31.

The double wedding last Saturday of two brothers and two sisters drew a large crowd of interested spectators to St. Alban's, as well as guests filling the small church to overflowing. Sherry Morris and Trudy Morris were married to John McNabb and Alan McNabb in the unusual ceremony, and the reception followed at the Morris home. A full account of the marriage will appear in the Free Press when the pictures are back from the photographer.

James Douglas Paterson is meeting his grandparents, Mayor and Mrs. Les Duby, for the first time this week. His parents, Leslie Ann (Duby) and Michle Paterson are moving to Werner Lake where Mr. Paterson has a new teaching position. The baby was born in Thessalon hospital.

Attending intermediate co-ed camp at Silver Lake camp near Kincardine last week from town were Janet Allen, Barbara Reed, Susan Shoemaker and Kathleen Dills. Campers there for Heather Reed and Judy Scoyne.

Principal G. W. McKenzie, Mrs. McKenzie and their daughter Kathy are home again after spending most of the summer in Europe... and only using their raincoats once! A highlight of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie's interesting trip was attending the international Y's Men's convention in Copenhagen in July where they met many friends. Mr. McKenzie is a past president of the international Y's Men. They toured Wales, the lake district of England, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Germany and France and spent some days last week in London with Acton friends Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rognvaldson. They were delighted by surprise encounters with friends from home. They met by chance Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hurst in London in July and then Mr. and Mrs. Bob Armstrong at Greenwich in August. Waiting in a line they discovered principal and Mrs. Ed Foster of Milton and a Halton co-ordinator of education found Mr. McKenzie's a familiar face in North England and came over to introduce himself. Kathy McKenzie travelled with a friend, Miss Margaret McMillan of Streetville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kaley, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Graham of Barrie visited friends in Acton last week.

Acton friends are sorry to learn that Mrs. Julia McNabb, a long-time town resident, is still in seriously falling health in California.

Many Acton young people will be leaving to begin courses out-of-town next week.

This list is incomplete and the Free Press would like to hear of names omitted, so friends may follow their progress with interest.

Several girls are beginning nurses' training. Jan Nasalan goes to Toronto Western Hospital, Ann Watson to Galt Hospital, Sally Dick at Sarnia Hospital, and Elaine Johnson to Perth-Huron School of Nursing in Stratford.

Planning to take teachers' training at Lakeshore Teachers College are Hazel Eastwood, Mary Fuchs and Sylvia Hanousek.

Headed for the University of Guelph are Nancy Morris, Michael Marcoux and Bob Browne. Marie Timbors is enrolled at Western University and hopes to become a physiotherapist. Sharon White and Fred Anthony are going to Trent University at Peterborough.

Going to the University of Waterloo are Benita Fries, Jackie Palmer and Barry Buchanan.

Alan McKenzie will take political science at York University.

Rick Lambert is enrolled in the radio and television arts course at Niagara Community College. Olga Hnativ is beginning a secretarial course at Sheridan.

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